



PREBLE *Post*

A thunderous boom shakes the

administration office located at the foremost part of the ship; white specks fall from the overhead and all sorts of objects rearrange themselves on desks, decks, and drawers as the room rattles. Being new on the ship myself, I still get a little jumpy every time the crack of the 5-inch gun breaks the air around me-- much to my co-worker's enjoyment. Today, the massive front-mounted weapon is conducting exercises with Indonesian ships, taking turns with

USS PREBLE (DDG 88) conducting target practice at a massive orange ball (lovingly referred to as the "Killer Tomato") in the middle of the open water. Recently, on any given day you might be able to hear the concussive booms of the 5-inch, the loud whine of SONAR tracking submarines which bob in and out of the water, the rumbling *bzzzzzzzz* of the massive CWIS machine gun, the muffled breathing of fire-fighting tanks on personnel running casualty drills, the chopped air of the MH-60R helicopters, or the perforated popping of pistols and rifles being shot off the flight deck. Overall, it's a pretty normal day onboard PREBLE.



Throughout this deployment, the crew of PREBLE has had the opportunity to work with royalty, heads of state, and military leadership from all over the world including our stalwart allies in Japan, Australia, France, Timor-Leste, Singapore, Indonesia, New Zealand, and South Korea in widespread naval exercises such as SHAREM 180, Talisman-Sabre 2015 and Coordination Afloat Resources and Training (CARAT) 2015. In such exercises, PREBLE has had the opportunity not only to learn from our Westward allies, but to conduct a fair amount of training for allied Navies in the

continued effort of securing a global atmosphere wherein peaceful democracy and unalienable freedoms may flourish. Perhaps Rear Admiral Weatherald said it best in his speech at the Talisman-Sabre 2015 reception: "When I look at individual Navies working together, they are always stronger... they are the pinnacle of what will keep our theater safe."



While safe waters and peaceful shores are a priority for PREBLE, it is the popular opinion of her crew that peace-keeping is not enough. NC1 Mackes, the coordinator of community relations and volunteer projects, had this to say: "PREBLE has the highest per capita rate of Sailors interested in community relations and volunteer service I have observed in any command." She stated that a common problem she deals with when organizing volunteer projects is finding enough places to fit interested people. "We look for projects lending to community impact and opportunities to get out of our comfort zone to affect positive change, while being ambassadors

of the United States." PREBLE has been involved in numerous community impact projects since March, including working with troubled youth in Perth, cleaning nursing homes in South Korea, building animal rehabilitation centers in Fremantle, and working in soup kitchens in Singapore.

Overall, it is the tenacity of brothers and sisters in arms willing to work for the individual autonomy of peoples around the world through peaceful means or otherwise which makes the *USS PREBLE the best damn crew on the best damn warship in the United States Navy.*

Ready to Fight - Fight to Win.



Captain

PREBLE friends and family – GREETINGS from the South China Sea!

The theme for this Preble Post is *Contribution* – and onboard PREBLE – everyone counts. From Seaman Recruit to CO, each individual effort is vital to keeping our ship ready for tasking. But that's not all – our families – keystones of stability and support at home, contribute to our effort in meaningful ways too. We couldn't do it without your support and encouragement, so THANK YOU!

In this Preble Post you will find echoes of the deep sense of professionalism and pride we have in our ship in every area. From supply and logistics to combat systems, to maintenance, to building community relations and partnerships at sea... take a look - and get a sense for the incredible effort and *teamsmanship* required to keep a warship like PREBLE fit to fight. But the practical work we do is just one part of the puzzle....the trust we have in our team, the confidence we build through preparedness and training, our ingenuity and creativity in solving problems, our genuine care for our shipmates, and the pride and sense of ownership we have for our ship – these contributions are keys to our success and hallmarks of every PREBLE sailor.

At sea and ashore, our ship continues to perform exceptionally well in every respect. We've conducted a variety of independent operations with partner navies of Japan, France, the Republic of Korea, Australia, New Zealand, and Indonesia. We've also contributed in coordinated patrols with the USS George Washington Carrier Strike Group and USS Bonhomme Richard Expeditionary Strike Groups. We've conducted several port calls and PREBLE sailors continue to represent our country well - and honorably.

Inside the lifelines –we are at a whopping 42 PREBLE INNOVATIONS this deployment...and counting. Our sailors are full of creative ideas that range from human factors and rest initiatives to developing cutting edge warfighting tactics. PREBLE's innovation work is incredibly impressive – our ideas make our navy better, our ship more capable and our service more fulfilling. We are a small ship – with a GIANT contribution!

While we are away, please know that our presence at sea provides a meaningful contribution to maintaining security and stability throughout the Pacific. It matters...and the work your loved ones are doing makes a difference in our world. I am incredibly proud of them and I know you are as well.



With much respect and admiration,

Commander Jeff Heames

CMC'S Corner

Aloha, Family and Friends!

I can't believe it's already been almost two months since reporting to PREBLE. It has been apparent to me how the ship and crew have earned their reputation as being "The Best Damn Crew of the Best Damn Warship in the United States Navy", and every visitor we have hosted since my arrival has echoed very similar sentiments. My short time onboard has truly been inspiring and I feel extremely fortunate and incredibly proud to be PREBLE's newest Command Master Chief!

A quick note about me, I joined the PREBLE family after serving two years as the CMC onboard the Forward Deployed Destroyer USS STETHEM (DDG-63), home ported out of Yokosuka, Japan. Also joining the PREBLE family with me is my beautiful wife Rhodora, who some of you have already met and is without a doubt my better half! We both appreciate the warm welcome we have received from everyone.



I would like to take a moment and give a thank you to CMDCM Logsdon for the extraordinary job he did as the previous CMC, and leading this truly impressive crew through the many successes achieved during his tenure. I wish him "Fair Winds and Following Seas" as he rejoins his family in California and takes on his new role as the base CMC for Naval Base Coronado.

Finally, let me close with this, as our return to Pearl grows near so does my excitement, not only to be reunited with my own family but also to personally meet all the

wonderful family and friends that have been providing such invaluable support to each and every crew member onboard. As a vital part of Team PREBLE, each and every one of "YOU" are critical to "US" being to be successful in everything that "WE" do!

Aloha, and thank you again for everything!

Very Respectfully,

CMDCM (SW/AW) Todd Kunzweiler

Executive & Medical

Through the sustainment of superior performance, Executive and Medical divisions have been setting the standard throughout Deployment 2015! Recently the subject of attention for Division in the Spotlight (DITS), both divisions stepped up to the plate to knock the inspection out of the park. During DITS, every aspect of the division and divisional spaces are inspected with detailed precision. Preserving spaces and conducting thorough cleaners prepared the divisions for a smooth zone inspection—by far, one of the best performances by a division throughout this DITS cycle!

While preparing for DITS, Admin coordinated over 90 personnel movements spanning two port calls. In addition to checking in/out the aforementioned personnel, PS3 Song found time to achieve his ESWS qualification as well. Medical also worked tirelessly to maintain the crew's health readiness, and are posted on station for *every* ship evolution. Thus, both HM3 Pellicciotti and HM3 Hinton were well deserving of their recent promotions from Seaman to Third Class Petty Officers. The Executive and Medical departments continue to provide the ship with unparalleled services, always aiming for excellence as the Best Damn Execs and Docs in the US Navy—keeping our Sailors healthy and wealthy, happy and strong!



Combat Systems

Combat Fire Systems:

We would like to congratulate the CF01 work center on their fifth consecutive selection to the SPY Honor Roll. FC2 Santana, FC2 Settle, FC3 Burritt and FC3 Walker all have put in countless hours to keep PREBLE's SPY RADAR running at peak conditions while deployed in the Western Pacific Area of Responsibility (WESTPAC AOR). Sailors in the CF03 work center spent numerous off duty hours repairing a casualty to FCS #1 transmitter, helping to restore PREBLE's Fire Control System to 100%. The CF02

work center has been on top of their game this entire deployment, keeping AEGIS Weapon System downtime to a minimum and expeditiously correcting any casualties that have occurred. CF Division's technical savvy and innovative minds were integral in the advancement of the Silent SAM tactic. FC2 Entzminger, FC2 Settle, and FC3 Burritt each contributed valuable ideas and knowledge of RADAR principles and tactics along with tactical knowledge of the AEGIS Weapon System to assist FCC Hingleton and LCDR Lamson with the further development of Silent SAM. FC2 Banks has been a 3M juggernaut for Combat Systems Department! His vast knowledge of the 3M system and SKED 3.2 has been a monumental help to his department. As Departmental 3MA, he has assisted 10 work-centers with weekly reports, AERs, and general 3M training. He has also taken reign on the SERT program and making sure that maintenance for Combats Systems, Weapons, and Operations Depts. are scheduled without conflict.

Information Technologies:

Radio has been busy underway! We've successfully completed the implementation of communications plans and support of tactical exercises for the George Washington Carrier Strike Group during her sea trials, as well as the Bonhomme Richard ESG during her warfare certifications over the last few months. Additional cooperative exercises with our French, Japanese, Korean, Australian, and New Zealand naval counterparts have been successful largely in part to the shop's hard work. We've been receiving lots of positive feedback from our peers around the fleet for outstanding work, and we continue to be the Best Damn Radio on the Best Damn Ship

in the Best Damn Navy. Looking forward as the end of deployment approaches, we are evaluating schools and training we require while we endure our SRA/dry dock period in the beginning of next year. Many of our sailors will be gaining additional NECs, and we are committed to driving career progression for the shop through educational opportunities both in and out of the Navy. Last but not least, a few personnel are departing, so we'd like to thank them and their families for their commitment. IT2 Ludington, IT2 Whitehead, and IT2 Stewart, we wish you and your families success at your next duty stations/civilian endeavors!



Weapons

Combat Guns Division:

Combat Guns division hit the ground gunning for the second half of deployment, continuing to fulfill 7th Fleet's war-fighting proficiency policy of firing a weapon system every day, but also by conducting several in-depth gunnery training exercises. Lead by the Gunner's Mates, CG qualified over half the personnel onboard PREBLE in use of the M9 9mm pistol and over 80 personnel in use of the M16, ensuring that PREBLE is highly capable of defending herself in foreign ports.



The CIWS Fire Controlmen demonstrated their lethality during Coordination Afloat Readiness And Training (CARAT) 2015's Gunnery Exercise with the USS FORT WORTH and several Indonesian vessels, as they shredded a surface target from two thousand yards.

CG continues to excel professionally as well as tactically-- our very own Fire Controlman, Chief Petty Officer (Select) Deffrey Moore made Chief on his candidacy, and will join the deck plate leaders in the Chief's Mess onboard USS PREBLE.

USS PREBLE and CG also have the pleasure of welcoming Gunner's Mate Chief Petty Officer (SW) Bennoi Surge, his wife Laura, and their children Olivia, Reed, and Levi to the CG family. We look forward to conquering tomorrow's challenges and achieving great successes with you alongside.

With over half of deployment complete, Combat Guns division will continue to fire through every task and hit the mark with the Best Damn Gunner's Mates and Fire Controlmen in the US Navy! HOOYAH!





Combat Missiles:

On the 28th of July 2015, Gunners Mate 2nd Class Sergio Padilla re-enlisted for an additional four years of obligation to the United States Navy. GM2 is from Grand Prairie, Texas and is married to his wife Ana Laura and has two daughters Julissa and Regina. GM2 enlisted into the Navy four years ago in August 2011. GM2 was read the Oath by long time mentor Chief Petty Officer Morgan. Padilla continues to serve proudly and sacrifices daily for the country in which he believes.

Combat Acoustics Division:

Combat Acoustics division has been tracking through this deployment's halfway mark with an exceptional amount of ASW exercises. We participated with the Expeditionary Strike Group in the bi-annual multi-lateral exercise, Talisman-Sabre 2015, working with both Australian and New Zealand ships in tracking a Collins class submarine through various combined anti-submarine warfare exercises.



We also participated in CARAT Indonesia exercise, which provided us with the opportunity to track the Indonesian submarine KRI Nanngala. Both opportunities have provided the division first-hand training and proficiency in gaining, tracking, and simulating attacks on a submarine.

We would also like to welcome our newest member to the CA family; Little Noah Javier Ortiz was born August 7th at 10:45pm in San Diego, CA, weighing 7lbs 2oz and 21in long.
Congratulations STG3 Alberto Ortiz!

Operations Department

Operations Deck Division:

The Navy's operational tempo has kept PREBLE's Deck Division busy this June and July. They successfully and safely completed 168 personnel transfers during the exercise Talisman-Saber 2015 via small boat and helicopter. A fair amount of those personnel were our Australian and New Zealand counterparts. Deck Division also flexed our Allied Nation interoperability by successfully completing two underway replenishments with HMAS SIRIUS, an Australian Navy Oiler. That is not to mention the other 6 underway replenishments and 6 vertical replenishments PREBLE's Deck Division successfully carried out recently, totaling over 700,000 gallons of fuel and 108 pallets transferred. In between all of the big picture demands, Deck still maintains PREBLE as the best damn looking ship in the Navy, ensuring she looked brand new for a reception for Talisman-Saber 2015 held on PREBLE's very own busy and operational flight deck.



Operations Tactical Division:

OT Division continues to be hard at work while on deployment. Over the last few months Sailors from the division supported the multi-faceted exercise Talisman-Saber 2015. Their efforts helped to shape a better understanding of war-fighting capabilities of all countries involved while fostering positive relations ashore in Australia. Additionally, they are continuing their preservation and beautification of spaces in preparation for their upcoming Division-In-The-Spotlight inspection. While in Port Darwin, Australia, multiple Sailors in the division participated in the overhaul of a billabong habitat for six fresh water crocodiles at Wildlife Territory Park (pictured right).



Operations Intelligence Division:

USS PREBLE's 2015 Western Pacific Deployment continues its steady strain. The Operations Specialist's area of responsibilities continue to venture into every area of war fighting to include surface, air, sub-surface, fire support, amphibious, and special operations. The preparation for the multi-national joint exercise Talisman-Saber 2015 and the joining of the BONHOMME RICHARD Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG) created new and exciting challenges for OI Division. OI paved the way ahead from day one by setting a supreme example of how to execute the duties as the ESG's Air Defense Commander. The ever changing air space surrounding the Strike Group was expertly and tactically managed by OS's such as OS2 Johnson, OS2 Paras, and OS2 Windle. Their technical expertise quickly became known throughout the battle group and were even sought



after to provide the template for the USS GREEN BAY's air defense capabilities for the BONHOMME RICHARD ESG. Not only did OI Division set the bar for Air Defense, but they were also the primary air control unit for all anti-submarine aircraft and airborne surface surveillance assets. PREBLE's Anti-Submarine Tactical Air Controller's (ASTAC) superior efforts were not overlooked by leadership: "The ASTAC's onboard PREBLE were the best we have ever dealt with," said CTF70, Surface Warfare Commander, and CTF 76, Expeditionary Warfare

Commander. The ASTAC's controlled four P8 assets for 32 hours of control time, and MH-60R Anti-Submarine Warfare helicopters for 48 hours of control time. During this time, the coordination of both US Navy and Australian Navy Harpoon engagements were executed for a total of 28 simulated harpoons launches and 16 hellfire missiles with successful simulated engagements. In addition to the superior efforts from PREBLE's air controllers and warfare commanders, the LINK architecture was a crowning achievement for the strike group. Once again PREBLE's Operational Specialists provided guidance and leadership to 4 US Naval vessels, 3 Australian Naval vessels, and 4 P8's during Talisman-Saber 2015. Overall, PREBLE's OI division aided in the successful execution of countless multi-nation exercises; practicing critical tactics and strengthening ties with our Australian and New Zealander counterparts.

Navigation Department



Since leaving Guam in June, PREBLE's Quartermasters navigated the ship from the familiar Pacific Ocean to more exotic waters. PREBLE has since traversed the Philippine, Celebes, Java, Timor and Savu Seas as part of its operations with the BONHOMME RICHARD Expeditionary Strike Group and CARAT Timor Leste.

In order to reach Australia for Talisman Saber 2015, PREBLE's navigation team guided the ship through some of the busiest waterways in the world, including the Lombok Strait, a maritime highway between Australia and Asia that thousands of the world's largest shipping vessels pass through every year. PREBLE's Quartermasters also took a break from navigating Indonesia's archipelagic sea lanes and conducting multiple precision anchorages to explore host nations, volunteering at a wildlife park and participating in tours of Australia's Outback.



QM1 Donner, the division's Leading Petty Officer, stated that he felt that this has been a particularly successful deployment for his division in a number of different areas: "We've reached a lot of milestones with essential things such as training and qualification that have brought us to a new level of efficiency." QM1 Donner was sure to mention the two newest additions to his division, QM2 Awini and QMSR Augustus, both great additions to the Best Damn Navigational team in the US Navy.

Supply Department

Logistics Division:

As Preble sails through miles and miles of the Western Pacific, some might wonder, "How on earth do my loved ones receive food or packages?" This is not a simple task. In conjunction with the crew, Logistic Specialists play a vital role in replenishing the ship. For general stores and fuel requirements, requests are sent to a Supply Ship via email or naval message. Parts and material are then rallied in one location and loaded on a Supply Ship. When the day arrives, the entire crew is out on the weather decks helping to transfer an average of 60 pallets of food, mail and parts from the Supply Ship to the USS Preble utilizing a helicopter or connections with high wire. These evolutions usually start early in the morning, and run well into the afternoon. LSSN Pasag commented "We all feel the ache of a hard day's work; however it is well worth the fatigue with food in your belly and a letter from home in hand." Stores Division also off-loads hazardous waste, depot level repairables and outgoing mail during underway replenishments.



Culinary Division:

The Food Service Division has been nothing short of extravagant over the past couple months on Deployment. Events started with a 4th of July BBQ on the flight deck. The Culinary Specialists and The First Class Association worked together to provide an amazing BBQ that made everyone feel like they were back home. Next was the half-way deployment Mongolian BBQ, serving a 5-star quality meal that had over 30 different food items to choose from. During the event, Culinary Specialists would take the plate of fresh ingredients you created, fry it, and give it back to you fresh off the grill. Even the Captain enjoyed it so much he got on the grill and took orders from the crew. If that wasn't enough, the Food Service Division provided a reception in Darwin for the Commander of CTF-76 and his staff. The reception also included political officials from Australia. The event allowed us to demonstrate our world class catering abilities while building relations between America and the Australians. This reception was executed flawlessly, and had a positive impact on foreign relations that will endure for years to come.





Amidst the non-stop training and events, the CS's have also strived to accomplish recent promotions among our ranks. Our division would like to congratulate three individuals for their recent advancement: Ryan Young, meritoriously promoted by the Captain to Culinary Specialist Second Class, Caleb Abdinoor, promoted to Culinary Specialist Second Class, and Christian Taylor, promoted to his new rank of Culinary Specialist Third Class. Congratulations again, guys!

Lastly, the Food Service Division had their first Culinary Specialist get his Surface Warfare Specialist Pin on Preble's 2015 deployment. Bravo Zulu to CS3 McClain for achieving his Qualification--all those late night study hours paid off! Preble's Food Service Division has truly shown that they are the best damn Food Service Division, on the best damn warship, in the United States Navy.

Ship Servicemen Division:

Hello family and friends! The Ships Serviceman has recently rotated personnel into new positions, and we continue to operate well above the standard. We have easily generated over \$90,000 in sales over the last four months due to our Ship's Store and Vending Machines. This translates into approximately \$15,000 in profits for Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) in the last 4 months. Our long-term goal is to turnover \$30,000 to MWR before we return to Hawaii; this money will enable MWR to continue to raise the roof—ahem, “standard”—for our 2015 and 2016 Holiday Party celebrations!



In addition to our awesome Retail Operation, our Service operations continue to hit the ball out of the park for your Sailors. Our Laundry Operator has been busy processing over 900 pounds of crew laundry and 700 pairs of coveralls. Our new barber, SHSN Spohn (pictured above), quickly honed his skills and has provided over 400 haircuts keeping everyone onboard Preble within military standards and looking professional. Furthermore, our division has two Sailors who are very close to earning their Enlisted Surface Warfare Specialist Qualification (ESWS). Fair Winds and Following Seas Family and Friends!

Engineering Department

From the Main deck and below, the Engineering department sends warm greetings. Over the past few months PREBLE has been operating as a part of the George Washington Carrier Strike Group and Bonhomme Richard Expeditionary Strike Group. As with all aircraft carrier and big deck amphibious operations, there is an additional burden and responsibility placed on the plant and our Engineers have continued to perform above and beyond all expectations. Their professional performance during long hours of full power operations at RMD, their steadfast and rapid response to all casualties, and their personal drive to succeed in their qualification and advancement goals are all something to be proud of.



Working in close proximity to the Aircraft Carrier and LHD has allowed for unique opportunities to flex and demonstrate our operational capabilities. PREBLE was specifically chosen to participate in a Fueling At Sea (FAS) demonstration with CVN 73 and LHD 6. If you think an underway replenishment with an Oiler is an impressive feat, you should certainly be jealous of our Oil Kings and their view of this spectacular demonstration.

Our Flight Deck Firefighting Team, lead by DC2 CruzHernandez (pictured above), have also given their all in manning what seems to be endless flight quarters as they support three full bags of flights from our Air Department and also operate as the reliable ready deck of choice for the pilots of George Washington and the Expeditionary Strike Group.





Our rigorous training program has produced several newly qualified Engineering Officer of the Watch; LTJG Kelcie Davis, LTJG Malik Harris, GSE2 Untress Quinn, EM2 Devon Harris, GSM2 James Carr, LT Justin Crabb and ENS Michelle Rowley lead the way in achieving this prestigious qualification and they are closely followed a few other motivated individuals. Additional advanced qualifications were achieved by MRFN Jon Bowen and MM3 Amanda Scheiber, becoming our newest Oil Kings. The determination of this group to succeed is contagious and every individual success makes us better as a department and continues to

astound. Advancement results were also favorable for the Snipes; we would like to congratulate DC1 Vega, GSE1 Bautista, GSM2 Prado, DC2 Kleiber, GSM3 Paulos, GSE3 Vargas, MM3 Schreiber, and EM3 Ventura and the Meritorious Advancement of EN1 Mayfield on their recent accomplishments. Additional congratulations to our newly qualified Enlisted Surface WARRIORS: GSE1 Bautista, FN Teets, and HT3 Black.

The Damage Control program continues to press hard and ensure that PREBLE is ready to respond to any causality. The addition of the Damage Control University achieved success and ensured that all newly reported Sailors are fully qualified in basic DC, an important victory for a ship operating on deployment as EVERY Sailor is also a Firefighter. The Repair Lockers, Inport Emergency Teams, and Flying Squad also drill weekly to prepare for fire, flooding, and structural damage casualties.



The Engineering Department is firing on all cylinders and always ready to answer all bells. To PREBLE's family and friends at home, I would like to personally thank you for your continued support of the Best Damn Snipes of the Best Damn Warship in the United States Navy!

Aviation Department



The “Expendables” of HSM-37 Detachment FIVE have been very busy onboard PREBLE. In June and July we executed 274.9 flight hours. Ninety-One hours were in support of the George Washington (CVN 73) Carrier Strike Group and the Bonhomme Richard (LHD 6) Expeditionary Strike Group (ESG). During this time, the “Expendables” were tasked with providing 100% of the Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) coverage for the ESG, and rose to the occasion sanitizing hundreds of square miles of operating waters.

In July, the “Expendables” completed 101 flight hours in support of Talisman-Sabre 2015, an exercise including both ASW and Surface Warfare (SUW) missions with the Royal Australian Navy. Enabling all of these flights is our amazing team of maintainers. In addition to facilitating the daily flight schedule, they completed two major phase inspections and completed 1039 maintenance actions. Of these, 336 were for downing discrepancies, the completion of which ensured the detachment’s continued safe flying. Their hard work and dedication led to a 94% sortie completion rate, and a 98% ready for tasking rate throughout this period.



In addition to flying and fixing aircraft, Air Department personnel have displayed exceptional professionalism. AD2 Gopalan received a Commander Naval Air Forces Safety Pro of the Week award for identifying a seized bearing which could have lead to degraded aircraft flight controls. LTJG Mannarino qualified as Landing Signal Officer. And best of all, Aviation Electricians Mate Second Class Shaw received a promotion for his expertise and excellent work ethic.

Over the month of July, the “Expendables” welcomed aboard a new Officer in Charge, LCDR Megan Barnett, and two new pilots, LT Landon Goodell and LTJG Marcia Mannarino, and bid a fond farewell to LCDR Ken Sheffield, LT Tom Madson (HSM-78), LTJG Brian Kidd, and AE2 Stephan Romoleroux. We are in an outstanding position to finish off the remainder of our deployment, and look forward to more good news at the next update.

Fair Winds and Following Seas

HOOYAH Team PREBLE Family and Aloha!

As we protect our nation's interests on the *Far Side of the World*, I am so proud of our young Sailors that exert every effort to do the best job they can. I can tell you that your loved ones are truly talented, and they have a great understanding of duty to their country. The United States Navy Core Values of HONOR, COURAGE, and COMMITMENT are instilled in their souls as they lead from the front in ensuring, not only are their shipmate's safe, but our nation's citizens as well. I have never witness such a strong acceptance to professionalism in my 24 years of active service. You should be very proud of your loved ones selfless service to their country...I have the honor of witnessing it every day.

Team PREBLE, this will be my last PREBLE Post article. I will soon be moving on to a different mission as the Command Master Chief of Naval Base Coronado. What a great honor and privilege to be selected to such an important position, and what a great respect and pleasure it was serving on such a great warship. Throughout my tour onboard USS PREBLE, I continued to express the importance of the enlisted community. I am talking about the real Sailors who run this ship. Yes, there are Officer's and Chief Petty Officer's who lead their divisions or departments honorably, but the heart and soul of USS PREBLE begins from our Petty Officer's, Seaman, Firemen, and our embarked Airmen. What an exceptional group of Sailors that can professionally execute any task or order given, without hesitation. I have seen these Men and Women investigate and repair casualties to equipment that even the manufacturer would have problems resolving. I have witnessed innovation to improve procedures or tactics that will excel our Navy for the better. Finally, I have observed your loved ones embrace a culture, where every

Sailor has equal value, every Sailor is a Leader, and every Sailor is working hard to ensure the command is at the highest state of combat readiness...always. You want to know why USS PREBLE is *The Best Damn Crew and the Best Damn Warship in the United States Navy*? Spend one moment in my shoes, and you will have no reservations! **YOUR LOVED ONES ARE AWESOME!!** I would like to thank a few people:

To CDR Kurt Sellerberg, CDR Robert Bryans, CDR John Bowman, and to my Captain, CDR Jeffrey Heames, thank you gentlemen for the experience to grow in this position and hopefully

advise you in improving USS PREBLE, our Sailors, and our Navy. To the Wardroom, it has been a real honor witnessing your development into the finest Officer's in the Fleet. Many of you will have the opportunity to serve in a command position—I recommend you embrace the chance...it is an incredible experience and you will not regret it. To the enlisted crew, I have the



utmost respect in all of you. Please remember that there is an old Master Chief that will be keeping an eye on all of your careers. Know this— you can do anything that your heart desires, and I fully expect many of you will be leading our Navy...maybe as a Captain of a great warship or even as the next MCPON. I have no doubts you will all do incredible things. To the PREBLE Families, you are all an inspiration for *me* to try even harder every day. Your support to the crew and the mission is unprecedented.



I would like to thank Mrs. Joleen Mitchell, Mrs. Ashley Bird, and Mrs. Dana Kight for selflessly serving as our PREBLE Ombudsmen. I would also like to thank Mrs. Amy Spenser, Mrs. Daryne Donner, Mrs. Heather Wooldridge, and Mrs. DeAndra Salazar for their incredible service

as our Family Readiness Group Presidents. Finally to the Chief Petty Officer Mess. What an unbelievable ride! Your professionalism has never skipped a beat and it shows in the results your Sailors deliver each and every day. Always lead from the front, never give up the fight, and train our Sailors to be better than we are today. The Chief's Mess is and always will be the catalyst that makes a great command an even better command. You leading our Sailors and training our Officers to be subject matter experts in their field is a true testament to the reason why the United States Navy is the strongest naval force in the world. Thank you Chief Petty Officers for your service to our nation!

In closing, thank you so much for the opportunity to serve with such an incredible group of Americans. When I arrived onboard to relieve CMDCM Jeffrey Campbell, I silently looked at the condition of the ship, the professionalism of the crew, and when I was greeted by Jeff with a, "Welcome Aboard!" I knew instantaneously that I had arrived to a special command. That feeling in my heart has never changed, and I know that my relief, CMDCM Todd Kunzweiler, will experience the same feeling. I will miss you all Team PREBLE, I will be checking in on you, and I wish you all *Fair Winds and Following Seas* as you complete your Western Pacific deployment.



Take care, my friends!

Very Respectfully,

CMDCM (SW/AW) Matthew Logsdon